Tender for Railway Signalling Cables

1789. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether tender for supply of Railway Signalling Cables worth Rs. 100 crore was opened in March and finalised in September, 1999;

(b) whether the above tender was awarded to a company which is under lockout from June, 1999;

(c) whether in spite of the above, a repeat order has again been approved on the same company which is still under lockout;

(d) if so, the reason therefor; and

(e) if not, the details of the purchase/procurement process of these cables?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Contracts were awarded to ten RDSO approved firms. At the time of deciding the tender, there was no intimation regarding lockout or labour problem with any firm. M/s Victor Cables have informed only in December, 1999, that they are facing labour problem in their factory. Since the firm failed to commence supplies within one month as per terms of contract, the contract on this firm has been cancelled.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. No repeat order has been placed on M/s Victor Cable.

(e) Tender was opened on 24.3.99 for procurement of 20421 Kms. signalling cables of different sizes. Contracts were released in September, 1999 on ten RDSO's approved firms under Part I category for approx. 9200 Kms. and 13 RDSO's approved Part II firms for approx. 2200 Kms. Further repeat orders have been released for approx. 7600 kms. on nine firms under Part I category other than M/s Victor Cables.